

THE DEMOCRAT.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI.

It is understood that President Cleveland has written a letter, which will be made public in due season, declining to accept a nomination for a third term.

Statistics show that with a foreign population of 14.77 per cent., more than half of our white penitentiary convicts and more than half of the white inmates of our poorhouses are foreigners.

ELBERT RAFFELT, the Cuban correspondent for the New York Mail and Express, who was expelled by order of Gen. Weyler, arrived at New York, on the 30th, per steamer Yucatan from Havana.

A CAPE TOWN dispatch says that John Hays Hammond, the American under indictment at Pretoria, has obtained leave to visit Cape Town on account of his health, but his bail has been increased to £20,000.

THE Newark (N. J.) Methodist conference, on the 31st, favored absolute prohibition and decided against the riding of bicycles on Sunday. The sale or printing of Sunday papers was also denounced by the conference.

An amendment to the sundry civil appropriations bill providing for the purchase and repair of the house in which Abraham Lincoln died in Washington city, was adopted by the house of representatives on the 1st.

On the 2d the president approved the joint resolution authorizing Gen. Benjamin Harrison to accept certain medals presented to him by the governments of Brazil and Spain during his term of service as president.

THE new Chinese Anglo-German loan of £16,000,000 was closed, on the 1st, six hours before the time advertised for the cessation of bids. The loan was over-subscribed in London alone. It bears interest at five per cent.

ADVISED from the Transvaal show that the work of preparing for war is being continued there night and day. Gangs of men relieve each other at intervals in the work upon the armored forts designed to protect Pretoria.

RUDOLPH SPECKLES, president of the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Co., in his annual report, states that the world's product of sugar this year will probably be 1,000,000 tons short of the average supply for several years past.

A DISPATCH, on the 2d, from Cairo, said that the dervishes under Osman Azrak were advancing upon Suakin, and another force of dervishes was advancing upon Abu Fatme. Osman Digna was encamped 30 miles from Suakin.

A PRIVATE cable dispatch from Capt. O'Brien of the steamer Bermuda, received in Philadelphia, on the 3d, said that the Bermuda landed Garcia's party and most of the ammunition taken from New York before she was chased away by the Spanish gunboats.

THE president has further amended the civil service rules by placing under the classified service the assistant attorneys and law clerks of the department of the interior. The order includes about thirty persons, whose salaries range from \$2,000 to \$2,750 per annum.

THE city of Reggio di Calabria, in the Italian province of that name, was visited by a shock of earthquake on the 1st. The inhabitants of the city were panic-stricken and vacated their houses with all possible speed, many refusing to return for some hours. No damage was done.

SECRETARY MORTON has let the contract for the 10,125,000 packets of vegetable seeds to be distributed to the public under the recent act of congress, to D. Landreth & Sons, of Philadelphia. The contract for 1,000,000 packets of flower seeds was let to L. L. May & Co., of St. Paul, Minn.

M. HENRI ROCHEFORT says: "There are two things to which England will never consent—the construction of a bridge over the channel and the evacuation of Egypt. The English will let the powers continue to protest against the continual delays in evacuation, but they are daily growing more determined not to quit."

In the British house of commons, on the 31st, Rt. Hon. George N. Curzon, parliamentary secretary to the foreign office, said that consular reports which had been received indicated that there would probably be a renewal of the recent disorders in part of Asia Minor. Mr. Curzon stated also that representations had been made to the porte in regard to the matter.

THE senate committee on territories, on the 3d, ordered a favorable report to be made on the nomination of Benjamin Franklin to be governor of the territory of Arizona. The committee also favorably reported the bill previously passed by the house, amending the divorce laws of the territories so as to require a legal residence of at least one year before proceedings in divorce can be commenced.

DILATORY tactics on the part of the opponents of the bill granting statehood to Arizona prevented a vote being taken, on the 3d, in the house committee on territories, on a motion to report that bill favorably. A motion to postpone consideration for a week was defeated by a vote of five to six, but the session of the committee expired under the rules at noon without disposing of the bill.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

LIV. CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

IN the senate, on the 30th, the bill to approve a compromise between the United States and the state of Arkansas was passed. Some bills on the calendar, unobjected to, were passed, including one for a public building at Indianapolis to cost \$2,000,000. In the house resolutions appointing Bernard R. Green successor to the late Gen. Casey in the construction of the new congressional library and authorizing ex-President Harrison to accept medals given him by Brazil and Spain, were adopted. The sundry civil appropriations bill was then taken up and read for amendments. 13 pages being disposed of with but one amendment being suggested.

IN the senate, on the 31st, Mr. George (Miss.) occupied nearly the entire session in an argument against the claim of Mr. Dupont to the vacant seat in the senate from the state of Delaware. About half an hour was given to the consideration of the post office appropriation bill. In the house, in committee of the whole, attempts were made to amend the sundry appropriations bill in several particulars, among which to strike out the appropriation of \$10,500 for fuel, food and clothing for the Indians of the Prydzloff islands in Alaska, all of which failed. Over fifty pages—more than half of its contents—were passed.

IN the senate, on the 1st, Mr. George (Miss.) continued his speech against the claim of Mr. Dupont to the vacant seat in the senate from the state of Delaware. Mr. C. (Ill.) offered a joint resolution directing that an adequate naval force be sent to Cuba to secure the observance of the rules of war by the Spanish and for forcible intervention in case of a recurrence of some outrages or the putting to death of prisoners of war. The post office bill was disposed of save the question of increased compensation for carrying the oriental mails. In the house, in committee of the whole, consideration of the sundry civil appropriations bill was almost completed. The discussion of the bill was interrupted several times by political interjections.

IN the senate, on the 2d, Mr. George (Miss.) continued his speech against the report of the committee on privileges and elections declaring that Mr. Dupont was duly and legally elected as a senator from the state of Delaware. The remainder of the day's session was taken up in a discussion of an amendment to the post office appropriation bill. In the house, in committee of the whole, after a three hours debate, an amendment to the District of Columbia bill giving Howard university in Washington \$200,000 was agreed to. The bill which the bill was reported to the house and adopted.

THE senate was not in session on the 3d. In the house consideration of the conference report recommending the adoption of the senate resolutions relating to Cuba was begun. Mr. Hitt speaking for and Mr. Boutelle against the adoption of the resolutions. Thirty-eight private pension bills, which had been previously favorably acted upon, were passed. Mr. Hooker reported the river and harbor appropriation bill, to be called up on the 6th. A bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis was passed. An evening session was held for the consideration of private pension bills.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

GOV. BUSHNELL of Ohio, on the 31st, resplendent in the large number of applications from members of the legislature who wished to see the execution, all of whom could not be gratified.

A SPECIAL from Washington, on the 31st, said: "There is excellent authority for stating that very soon after the Cuban resolutions are passed by congress the president will send in a special message recognizing the belligerent rights of the insurgents."

THE news from the seat of the outbreak in Matabeleland increases in gravity, and details are coming to hand of the failure of forces dispatched against the natives to gain any substantial advantages over them.

THE Negus Menelik has ordered the massacre of a number of prisoners and sick persons who have fallen into the hands of his forces during the present campaign in Abyssinia.

CONFIRMATION has been received of the news from Suakin that Osman Digna, with a large force, is threatening the river and harbor appropriation bill, to be called up on the 6th. A bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis was passed. An evening session was held for the consideration of private pension bills.

A CLOUDBURST laid waste a strip of country about five miles wide along Little Sixteen creek and the South Fork of the Kentucky river in Owsley and Clay counties, Ky., on the 31st. The residence of Wade Warders was washed down and his wife and little girl drowned.

A WATERSPOUT in Turkey Cove, Va., drowned four children and three other persons were rescued from the tide. In Russell county, Va., Charles Holt and child and Capt. Jenkins and two children were drowned.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has accepted an invitation from the principal labor organization of Chicago to deliver an address on the money question at a mass meeting to be held in the Auditorium in that city April 15.

THE trial at Philadelphia of James S. Gentry, the actor for the murder of Margaret W. Drysdale (Madge York), the actress, which had already been postponed several times, was again continued, on the 1st, because the witnesses in the case are mostly in the theatrical profession and are at present scattered all over the country. No time for the trial has been set.

On the 1st Gen. William Shakespeare, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was elected commander of the Grand Army department of Michigan, on the second ballot. Shakespeare is a prominent democrat of the state and distinguished himself at the last democratic state convention by severely criticizing the pension policy of the present administration.

COL. A. NAVE and a party of eight who went north to investigate alleged Canadian timber depredations in the Rainy lake country are said to have been drowned in Rainy Lake river by the giving away of the ice.

It was learned from several sources, on the 1st, that King Menelik and all of his chiefs except the ras of Tigre, had retreated, their provisions having given out.

THE debt statement, issued on the 1st, showed a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the treasury, during March, of \$5,274,980. Total cash in the treasury, \$874,968,057.

A DISPATCH from Colon, on the 2d, said the American schooner W. Whitford, of New York, had been seized by the gunboat Cordova, six miles off Manzanillo. The schooner was without cargo, but the captain of the gunboat threatened to sink her, and putting an officer on board conveyed her to Colon, accusing her of having contravened the customs law.

E. MAXTEL NINGER was arrested in New York, on the night of the 1st, and confined in Ludlow Street jail in default of \$20,000 bail. In his arrest the secret service agents of the federal government believe that they have a counterfeit who has baffled all their efforts for 17 years.

THE Ohio senate passed the Fostick anti-theater hat bill, on the 2d, and it is now a law. MRS. FREEMAN, the wife of a farmer living east of Shoals, Ind., on the 2d, saved a train from running through a burning trestle by flagging it with her petticoat, in the absence of any other available article.

THE law just enacted in Ohio provides that any manager permitting any person to wear a hat or other headgear in a theater, obstructing the view, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined \$10.

THE conference of the Dominion and Manitoba commissioners at Winnipeg on the school question was unproductive of results, the Manitoba people standing firm for non-sectarian schools.

A LIFE-SIZED statue of Thomas Jefferson, to cost \$75,000, is to be erected in New York city. The monument is to be typical of the life, achievements and person of the great Virginian.

H. H. HOLMES, the condemned murderer of R. F. Pitzel, is setting his affairs in order preparatory to his execution in Philadelphia May 7.

JOHN TURNER, who has been a recognized leader in the anarchistic movement in England, has come to this country to teach the doctrine.

A NEW YORK city dispatch says: "Brick" Pomeroy, the noted printer, editor and promoter, is dying of dropsy at Blythebourne, L. I.

DURING the last quarter the total number of vessels built and documented in the United States was 124, of 28,170 tons, as compared with 128 vessels of 29,336 tons for the previous quarter. Of these 65 were sailing and 59 steam vessels.

REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT, of New York, laid before the house commerce committee at their meeting, on the 3d, a substitute for the various Hawaiian cable bills already introduced, providing that the cable shall extend from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence to the Midway islands and to China and Japan. The government is to pay a subsidy of \$100,000 for 20 years, for which government business is to be carried free of cost for all time.

THE house committee on buildings and grounds, on the 3d, unanimously ordered a favorable report to be made on Representative Quigg's bill to build a \$4,000,000 customhouse in New York city, on the site of the present building.

THE shaft of the monument to mark the birthplace of George Washington was placed in position, on the 2d, at Wakefield, Westmoreland county, Va.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

THE senate was not in session on the 4th. In the house a bill to pension John M. Thayer, of Nebraska, formerly a major general in the volunteer service, at the rate of \$100 a month, was passed. The report of elections committee No. 1, in the case of Robinson against Harrison, from the Third Alabama district, in favor of Harrison, the sitting member, was presented and agreed to. When the Cuban resolutions were taken up so many members desired to speak that it was arranged to hold a night session in order to give them all a chance to be heard, and to take a vote immediately after the reading of the journal on the 6th.

EDWARD FIELDING, brigadier in command of the northwest division of the Salvation army, next to Commissioner Booth-Tucker the most prominent officer of the forces in America, has resigned his commission to join the forces of Ballington Booth's Volunteers. The majority of his officers go with him.

FIRE at the driving park at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 5th, destroyed the stables leased by Alonzo McDonald, the well-known trainer, and nearly a score of blooded horses, valued at \$50,000, were burned to death. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove in one of the cleaners' rooms.

REPORTS received from 533 townships, representing every county but one in the state of Indiana, show a decided falling off both in acreage and condition of wheat, as compared with last year. The general average for the state is 90.4 and the condition is 71.7.

ALEXANDER W. TERRELL, United States minister to Turkey, was a passenger on the Hamburg-American line steamer Fuerst Bismarck, which arrived at New York, on the 5th, from Mediterranean ports. He refused to be interviewed.

THE German admiralty department has ordered the construction of a torpedo destroyer of the latest design and embodying all of the latest improvements, from the English shipyard of J. L. Thornycroft & Co. at Chiswick.

THE first crop report of the year issued by the Ohio state board of agriculture has been made public. It shows that the growing wheat crop in the state is in a bad condition—not more than 75 per cent. of a full average.

A SYNDICATE of Pennsylvania coal owners have made a successful experiment of shipping coal to Germany, and will now arrange to send over a large and regular supply.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Children Burned to Death.

John Clark, a well-known farmer five miles north of St. Joseph, decided to burn several shocks of fodder near his house.

Two hours afterward he missed his five-year-old boy, and the entire family turned out to search. By mere accident the father found the remains of his son in the ashes of the burned fodder. It is presumed the little fellow crawled in the fodder and went to sleep. The frenzied father clasped the crisp corpse in his arms, and the cooked flesh of the little body dropped in shreds as he ran to the house. The parents are well-nigh crazed with grief.

ANOTHER CASE.

Fred Schoberth, the five-year-old stepson of Louis Hubert, a farmer six miles north of Mexico, also lost his life by fire. Mr. Hubert and an older son had been raking up stalks in the field, preparatory to burning them. The stalks were in rows when they were fired. The little fellow was warned to keep away from the fire by Mr. Hubert, who soon after heard his oldest boy shouting that Fred was burning up. Mr. Hubert found the little fellow with his head and shoulders in the fire.

Superstition in the Navy Department.

Says a Washington special to a St. Louis paper:

Those who are urging that one of the four new battle-ships which it is expected congress will authorize at this session be named the Missouri should take notice that nothing but an act of congress will probably induce the navy department to depart from a tradition that is as old as the navy itself. There is a prejudice in naval circles against reviving the name of a ship lost at sea or wrecked, so strong that mere request or entreaty would never overcome it.

Along in the '40s the first steamships for the navy were built. They were the frigates Susquehanna, Powhatan, Mississippi and Mischaum. These three did long and effective service, but on her first cruise the Missouri took fire in the Mediterranean and was totally destroyed.

It would be well if Missourians want the name of their state given to one of the new battle-ships, that Senators Vest and Cockrell make an effort to add such a provision to the naval bill when it comes before the senate.

Jumped Into a Well.

Mrs. William Quisenberry committed suicide at Sturgeon by jumping in a well.

She had been married 19 years and was 43. She had no children, was quite wealthy and owned a fine farm at the edge of town. Mr. Quisenberry says they arose as usual at about 4 o'clock, and that his wife seemed to be in her usual health. The husband went their last meal together. The husband went out in the field to look after the stock, and when he returned to the house he discovered the body of his wife floating on top of the well. The husband plunged into the well, shouted for help, and with the aid of neighbors got the body out.

Old Bank of Tennessee Bills.

A dispatch sent from Sedalia a few days ago stated:

John R. Clifton, public administrator, found a \$20 and a \$10 bill of the old Bank of Tennessee among the effects of the late David Thomas. The money was supposed to be worthless, but Mr. Clifton wrote to Tennessee and learned that it is worth par in payment of Tennessee taxes, or would be redeemed at 85 cents on the dollar. It was also learned that only a few days before Mr. Thomas' death he had quite a roll of Bank of Tennessee money, among the lot being a \$500 bill, but he supposed it was of no value and gave it to the children to play with and it was destroyed.

The Taylor Brothers Will Appeal.

Attorney D. M. Wilson, of Milan, was in Carrollton the other day consulting the local attorneys in the Taylor case.

They decided to ask the supreme court to grant them a new hearing, claiming that the recent opinion handed down by Judge Sherwood indicates that many errors were made by the trial court. If this fails they will try the case in banc. If this also fails they will make an effort to get before the United States supreme court. Sheriff Stanley is making preparations to erect the gallows in the jail yard, and expects to have everything in readiness by the 25th.

Secretary of State's Fees.

The following is a statement of fees collected by the secretary of state and turned over to the treasurer during March:

Notaries' fees	\$ 740 00
Domestic corporations	9 750 00
Foreign corporations	120 00
Miscellaneous	30 00
Land department	29 15
University endowment	1,003 25
Bank examinations	402 00
Total	\$12,836 10

State Finances.

State Treasurer Lon V. Stephen has filed his report of the transactions of the treasury department for March with Gov. Stone.

Balance on hand March 1, \$1,188,000.63; receipts during March, \$23,330.00; disbursements, \$12,470.00; balance at the close of business March 31, \$1,198,830.63, earnings of the Missouri penitentiary in March, \$12,000.00.

Will Talk On the Silver Question.

The Union Literary society of Missouri university, Columbia, has challenged the "Logies" of Westminster college, Fulton, for a debate on the silver question. The debate will take place in Mexico not later than April 25.

Standard of Admission Raised.

The most important proceedings of the executive committee of the Missouri university curators at their April meeting in Columbia was the adoption of a rule raising the standard of admission to the law department.

Killed His Adversary.

Clyde Tunnel and Brownlee Simms, farmers, 12 miles northwest of Brown, quarreled over a settlement. Tunnel became enraged and shot Simms through the heart, killing him instantly.

A Pioneer Methodist Minister.

Rev. James Penn, a pioneer minister of the M. E. church, south, died at Canton. He had been a preacher for 60 years, and was the father of four ministers of the Methodist church.

Old Joe Shelby to Write a Book.

Gen. Jo Shelby, United States marshal for the western district of Missouri, is busily engaged in accumulating material for a book on his experiences and campaigns.

May Go to Georgia.

Dr. J. D. Hammond, president of Central college, Fayette, has been unanimously elected president of Wesleyan female college at Macon, Ga.

Want River Improvements.

The Missouri delegation in congress appeared before the river and harbor committee and made a plea for money to improve the Missouri and Mississippi.

Child Killed by a Horse.

The two-year-old child of John R. Atchly, a prominent farmer, four miles west of Lebanon, was kicked by a horse and probably fatally injured.

THE TAYLOR BROTHERS.

The Supreme Court of Missouri Says They Must Hang for the Murder of the Meeks Family—They May Appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The supreme court has affirmed the sentence of the Taylor brothers, William P. and George, for the murder of the Meeks family in Linn county, May 10, 1893. The court fixed the date of execution for Thursday, April 30, 1896. The opinion is a voluminous one, covering 40 pages of typewritten matter. Judge Sherwood, who wrote the opinion, makes a thrilling and interesting story of the crime in his statement of the case, and the testimony upon which the Taylors were convicted.



William P. Taylor.

ed, and concludes that after carefully considering all the objections raised in behalf of the defendants, there is no substantial error in the record, and Judges Gannett and Burgess concur with him. The judge says, among other things:

"The facts in the case so strongly weave the web of circumstances around the defendants and fetter them to the brutal and bloody deed that it would seem that there could be but one opinion as to their guilt."

It is said that it is possible that the attorneys for the Taylors may carry the case to the supreme court of the United States.

William Taylor was a banker at Brown, Linn county, and his brother owned a farm in the neighborhood. They were implicated in an arson case, and to escape conviction they murdered Gus Meeks, his wife and two children and left a third child, a four-year-old girl, under the belief that she was dead.



George E. Taylor.

was dead. This happened May 10, 1894. The bodies were hid in an old straw stack on Geo. Taylor's farm, and next morning the little girl recovered sufficiently to crawl from under the straw and make her way to a neighbor's house and tell of the affair. The Taylors fled, and were afterwards captured in Arkansas. Owing to their wealth, they made a bitter fight for life and succeeded once in hanging a jury. They were tried at Carrollton, and are now in jail at that city.

SHOT HIS FATHER.

A Son Who Was Being Dispossessed Seeks Revenge.

A tragedy occurred at Fairport, DeKalb county, the other day, in which A. L. Tucker, an aged farmer, was shot and fatally injured by his son, Robert Tucker.

The father had secured judgment some time ago against the son for possession of the premises occupied by the son as a dwelling, and the officers were setting the son's goods out of the house.

The latter was present, and while the officers were so engaged he went to the residence of the father, a short distance away, and shot his father through the lungs.

No hopes are entertained of the old gentleman's recovery. The son is in jail.

AN ICE SHOVE.

Threatening to Do Much Damage at Marinette, Wis.

MARINETTE, Wis., April 1.—An ice shove started here on Green bay Tuesday afternoon which may cause great damage to property before it subsides. The ice on the east shore has broken up, and shoved by a strong east wind, it has pushed upon the shore 25 feet high, and with the wind—a regular hurricane from the east—it keeps increasing in height. The Menominee residence district, which lies along the shore, is threatened.

A Victim of Drick.

LAWRENCE, Kas., April 1.—On information from Alton, Ill., Charles Conwell has been arrested here for forgery. He made a full confession. Conwell was district attorney of Wyoming in 1878. Drink caused his downfall.

Watch Trade Depressed.

ELGIN, Ill., April 1.—The Elgin watch factory, which discharged 1,600 hands in 1893 and has gradually worked back to 2,500, will commence Saturday working five days per week instead of six. The watch trade is considerably depressed.

CARLISLE DECLINES.

The Secretary of the Treasury Writes a Letter to Charles R. Long, Esq., of Louisville, Giving His Reasons for Refusing to Become a Candidate for a Presidential Nomination—Only Interested in the Flat Form.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Secretary Carlisle last evening gave out the following letter to Chairman Long, of the Democratic state central committee of Kentucky, declining to enter the contest for the democratic nomination for the presidency:

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
WASHINGTON, D. D. April 4, 1896.
Charles R. Long, Esq., Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Louisville, Ky.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your favor of March 30, in which you say in substance that many of my friends in Kentucky and elsewhere desire me to become a candidate before the approaching National democratic convention for nomination to the office of president, and requesting me to "give some authoritative or definite expression" upon the subject, was duly received and has been maturely considered.

Many communications upon the same subject and of similar import have been received from friends in different parts of the country, and while very grateful for these numerous expressions of confidence and esteem on the part of my democratic fellow-citizens, I have not been able to reach the conclusion that the existing conditions require me to comply with their requests by authorizing them to announce me as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

While I feel a profound interest in the welfare of my party, I am much more concerned about its declaration of principles than in its selection of candidates, because, in my opinion, its failure or success at the election as well as its capacity for useful service to the country in the future depend upon the position it takes or omits to take upon the public questions now engaging the attention of the people, and especially the questions affecting the monetary system of the country and the character and amount of taxation to be imposed upon our citizens. Its position on these and other subjects having been agreed upon and clearly and distinctly announced, the convention ought to have no difficulty in selecting an acceptable candidate, who will fairly represent its views; and in order that its deliberations may be embarrassed as little as possible by the contentions of rival aspirants and their friends, I think my duty to the party will be best performed by declining to participate in a contest for the nomination.

The obligations assumed when I accepted my present official position require me to devote my entire time and attention to the public interests committed to my charge, and I shall have to continue their discharge, as imposed upon me, to the best of my ability, and in such manner as will, in my judgment, most certainly promote the true interests of the country; and if, in the opinion of my fellow democrats in Kentucky, my services entitle me to their commendation and approval, I would regard their indorsement of my public course as ample reward for the little I have been able to accomplish in behalf of honest administration and a sound financial policy.

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